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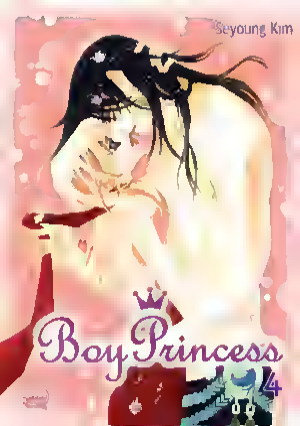

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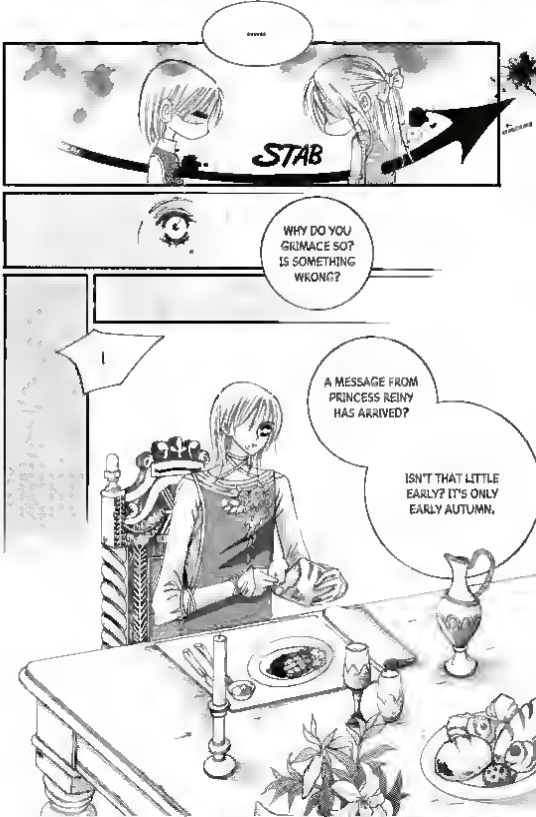
BROTHERS, DID YOU CALL FOR ME?
Hmm
YOU SEEM TO BE VERY DILIGENT ABOUT YOUR DAILY SWORD PRACTICES AND WORKOUTS THESE DAYS

YES!
I AM DETERMINED TO BECOME AN AWSOME MAN
BECAUSE
BUT THIS IS INCORRECT

I WILL BECOME
HIS EQUAL!
I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE ONE OF THOSE BEASTS EMBROIDERED ON MY HANDKERCHIEF

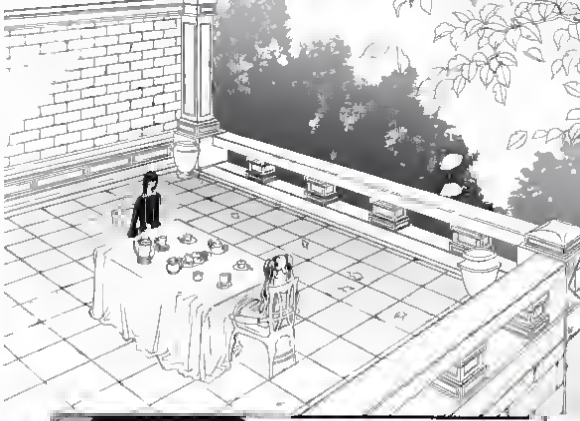

STAB
WHY DO YOU GRIMACE SO? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
A MESSAGE FROM PRINCESS REINY HAS ARRIVED?
ISN'T THAT LITTLE EARLY? IT'S ONLY EARLY AUTUMN.

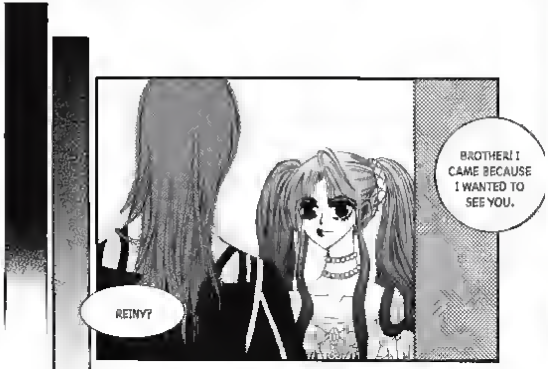
SHE SAID THAT SHE PROCEEDED TO SEND IT EARLIER BECAUSE IT WOULD BE HARDER TO TRAVEL WHEN THE WEATHER GETS COLD.
.....
REALLY?
THAT'S WHY
YOU WILL HAVE TO GO AND ESCORT HER
AS SHE REQUESTED.
I
NO!
YOU'RE GOING ANYWAY SO, THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO GO, TOO!
NICOLE, I'M SIMPLY ACCOMPANYING YOU. IT IS YOU WHOM SHE REQUESTED.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE THANKFUL TO THE PERSON WHO AGREES TO HELP YOU-- OUT OF THEIR CONCERN THAT YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE A SITUATION BY YOURSELF-- RATHER THAN TRYING TO PUSH YOUR RESPONSIBILITY ONTO THAT PERSON?
WOOO
THAT JERK ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING TO SAY!
.....

I HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL YET. WHEN I AM OLDER AND MORE CERTAIN ABOUT MY FEELINGS, MAYBE THEN...
I... DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN.

.....
THAT'S STILL OUR NEXT BEST ALTERNATIVE.
IF THE NEWBORN CHILD IS MALE, HE WILL BE THE THIRD IN LINE FOR THE THRONE.
THAT STABLE BUCK'S CHILD.
AND, EVEN IF THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN, WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THE CROWN PRINCE STILL HAS NO HEIR, THINGS WILL ONLY BECOME MORE DANGEROUS FOR THE KINGDOM AND FOR YOU.

WELL, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TRY TO BARGAIN WITH HIM AGAIN.



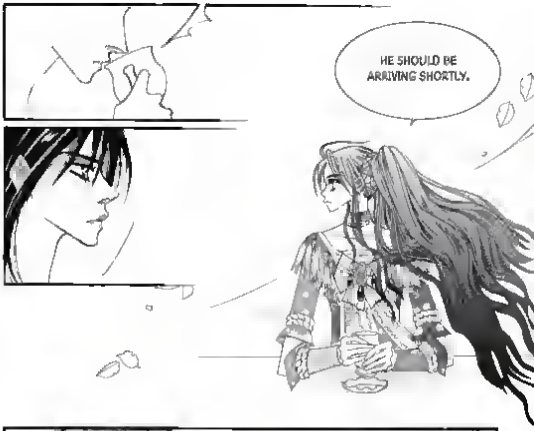

BROTHER! I CAME BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE YOU.
REINY?

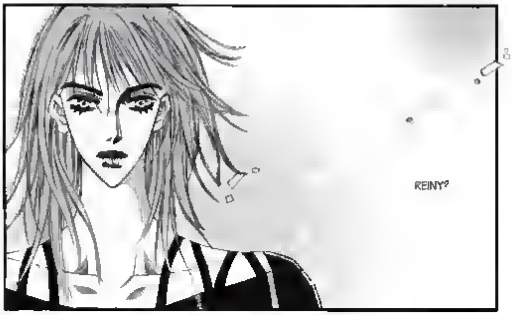
ARE YOU GOING TO SPEND THIS WINTER AT THE ERIN KINGDOM?

YES. I HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN FATHER'S APPROVAL.
BROTHER.
.....
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT FATHER PROMISED ME?
HE PROMISED THAT IF YOU AGREED TO A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE, HE WOULD GRANT ME THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE--
THE FREEDOM TO WED WHOMEVER I CHOOSE, REGARDLESS OF HIS SOCIAL POSITION OR STATUS.

.....
WHY ARE YOU BRINGING THAT UP NOW?
I KNOW THAT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DEMANDED THAT FROM HIM.

THAT'S WHY AND NOW I WANT TO REPAY MY DEPT TO YOU
I'LL LET YOU HAVE WHAT YOU WANT.
I ASKED FOR PRINCE NICOLE TO COME AND ESCORT ME.


HE SHOULD BE ARRIVING SHORTLY.


REINY?

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR PRINCESS ELENA TO BE TAKING HER POISON?
YOU SAID THAT YOU'D MADE A MISTAKE IN MIXING THE HERBS LAST TIME, SO MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO IT PROPERLY THIS TIME AROUND.
WELL, I GUESS WE CAN BE MORE CERTAIN THIS TIME.

...
DON'T FORGET, YOUR TRIBE IS THE ONE THAT POISONED THE LAST QUEEN TO DEATH.
YOU MUST ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND--ONE CRIME IS MORE THAN ENOUGH REASON FOR YOUR ENTIRE TRIBE TO BE MASSACRED.

OUR "RELATIONSHIP" WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THAT.

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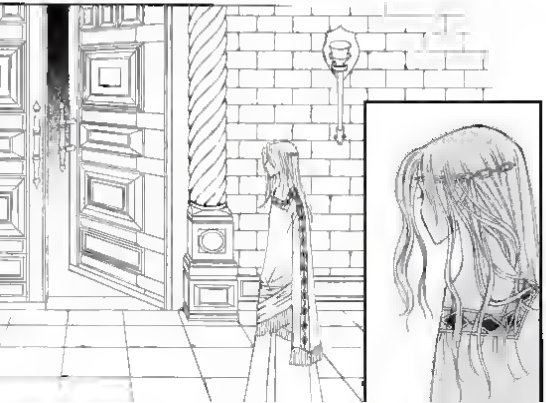
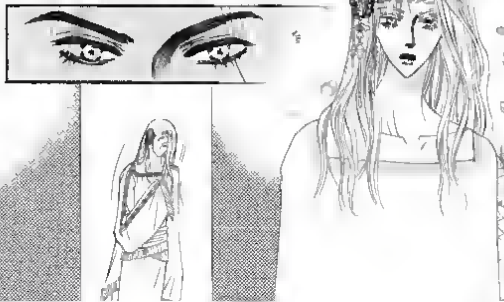
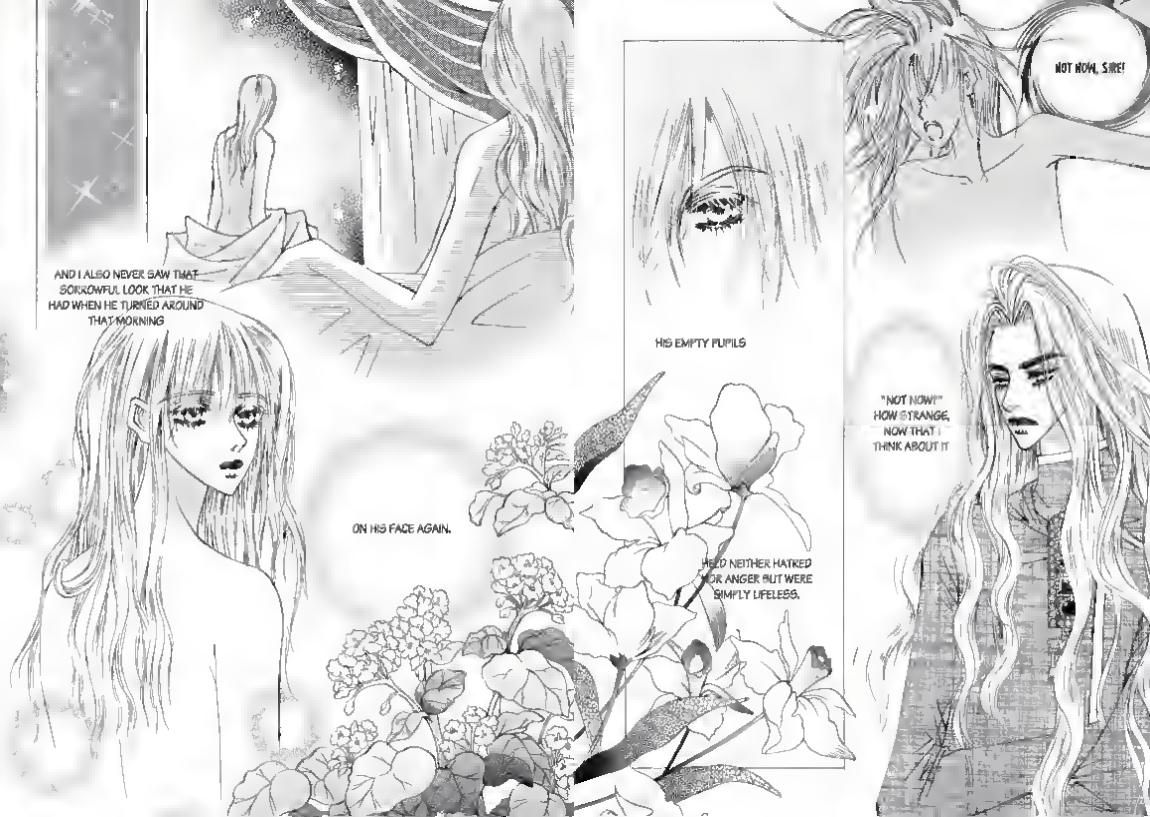
YES.



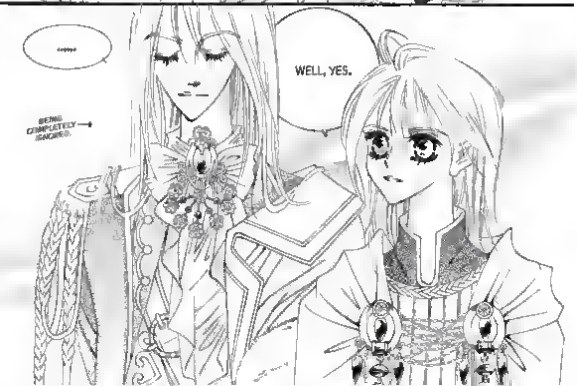
REPORT TO ME AS SOON AS YOU FIND OUT.
YES!



.....
SIRE!
PLEASE!
I DON'T WANT TO...!
NO... NOT NOW SIRE!
RIGHT.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I FORCED MYSELF UPON HIM.
SO... HE HAS REVERTED TO BEHAVING LIKE AN EMOTIONLESS WAX DOLL.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM THIRSTY FOR SOMETHING?
AFTERWARD HE DID NOT RESIST ME EVEN ONCE.


NOT NOW, SIRE!
HIS EMPTY PUPILS
AND I ALSO NEVER SAW THAT SORROWFUL LOOK THAT HE HAD WHEN HE TURNED AROUND THAT MORNING
ON HIS FACE AGAIN.
HELD NEITHER HATRED OR ANGER BUT WERE SIMPLY LIFELESS.
"NOT NOW!" HOW STRANGE, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT

WELCOME, PRINCE NICOLE
YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THE LONG JOURNEY.


.....
WELL, YES.
BEING COMPLETELY ENGAGED.

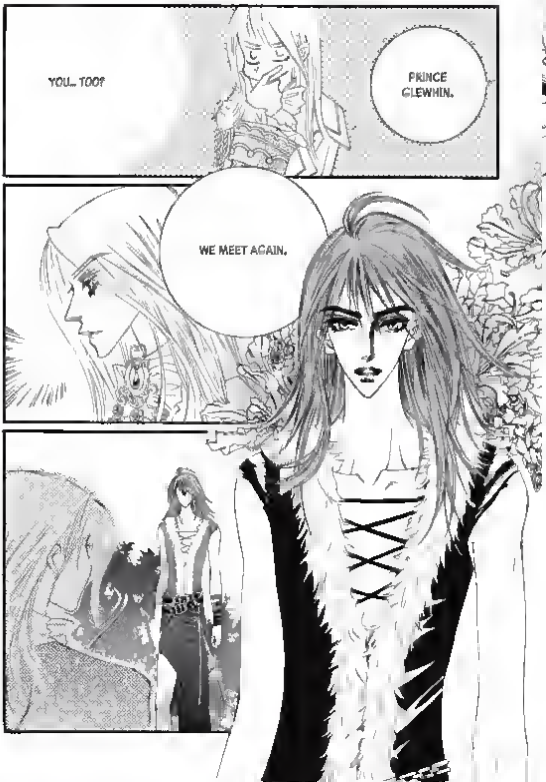
STARE

?

HMM AND, OF COURSE, YOU TOO HAVE BECOME MORE BEAUTIFUL.

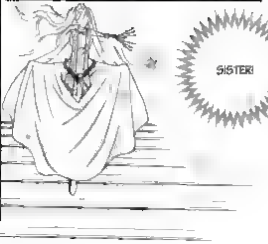
SHHHAAK

SHE HAS ONE EXCEPTIONAL TALENT


YOU... TOO?
PRINCE GLEWHIN.
WE MEET AGAIN.

YES, WE SURE DO.

NICOLE! GLEWHIN!


SISTER!

ELENA!
DON'T RUN!
!
TOTT

THANK YOU.
YOU MUST STAY AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT WILL CAUSE YOU GREAT SHOCK. ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
...YES

hmhm

WHAT'S THIS... THINGS ARE DEVELOPING STRANGELY
SEARCH
HE SEEMS TO KNOW ALREADY
DID SHE GET CAUGHT? OR DID SHE TELL HIM?
WHAT DO I DO?
?

WHEN HE MEETS A WOMAN'S EYES, HIS FIRST REFLEX IS TO SMILE.
MOOM. THERE GOES HIS OLD HABIT AGAIN.
WELL, WELL SEE.
SMILE
I'LL DEFINITELY GET TO THE ROOT OF HIS HABIT AND FIX IT COMPLETELY.

?
ZZZR
RRIP
WHAT WAS THAT? FROM THAT LITTLE GIRL? IT'S THE SAME SMILE FROM LAST TIME.
THUD
THUMP
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
PHTH~ WHAT'S GLEWHIN TALKING ABOUT FOR SO LONG? LEAVING ME BY MYSELF...

IF I
COUGH UP WITH MY HEART RIGHT NOW...
ONLY ASHES WOULD COME OUT
HE DIDN'T EVEN GLANCE AT ME ONCE.
ALL HE CARED ABOUT WAS MY SISTER...

OF COURSE HE SHOULD
OF COURSE HE SHOULD
BUT
IT HURTS SO MUCH.
I'M SORRY SIS. I'M SORRY...

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
YOU WANT TO MAKE THE SWITCH AGAIN?

HOW WILL YOU HANDLE WHAT COMES NEXT?
DO YOU HAVE A BETTER PLAN? IT WILL SOON BE REVEALED THAT SHE IS CARRYING A BABY.
I SUPPOSE THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN THIS TO BE IMPUDENT.
SO ARE YOU GOING TO PUSH YOUR BROTHER INTO THIS MATTER IN ORDER TO SAVE YOUR SISTER?
IT MAY SEEM SIMILAR, BUT IT IS IN FACT A DIFFERENT PROBLEM.
BECAUSE IF THAT BROTHER IS NICOLE
YOU WILL PROTECT HIM.

WHY... YOU CUNNING..
OH, AND I ALMOST FORGOT.
THIS IS PAYMENT FOR THE DEBT THAT NICOLE INCURRED LAST TIME.
HMMM

I TOO AM SATISFIED WITH ENDING OUR RUDENESS TO ONE ANOTHER AFTER THIS.
MOREOVER, I AM WORRIED ABOUT HOW MUCH PAIN HIS LITTLE HEART HAS ENDURED TODAY.
THEN, FROM NOW ON...
I NEED TO PERSUADE HIM AS WELL. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT HE WILL LISTEN OBEDIENTLY

IN THE END, GLEWHIN HANDED EVERYTHING OVER TO ME.
WITH THAT SMILING FACE...
CLICK

NICOLE...
?
WHERE DID HE GO THIS LATE AT NIGHT?
NICOLE?!
Pat
Pat
WHOOOO
EVEN THE CASTLE GROUNDS TURN INTO A SCARY FOREST AT NIGHT
BUT I WANT TO MEET HIM AGAIN, EVEN IF IT'S IN SECRET...

CRACK
ZEOW!
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING SCARY OUT HERE, BUT
DU DU DU DU
I'M GONNA RUN!
I HATE THE FOREST NOW!
TAP
?
WH... WHO?
RUNNING AROUND THIS LATE AT NIGHT...
AH!
JED?
WHO ARE YOU, LITTLE BOY?
THE... CROWN PRINCE!

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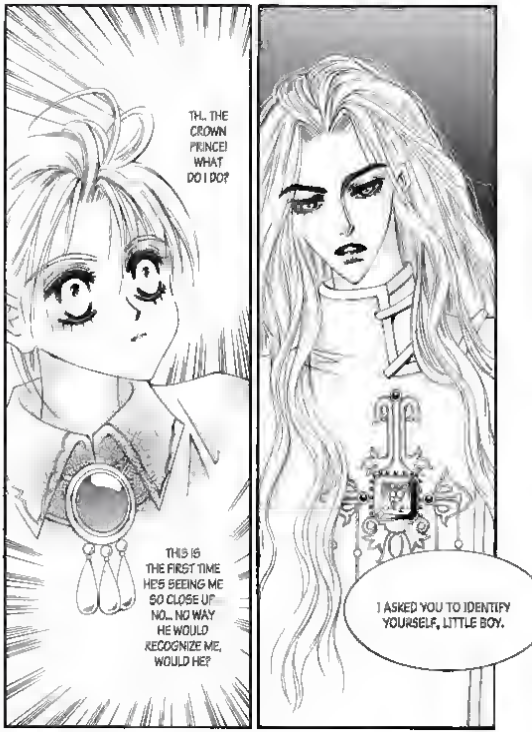

TH.. THE CROWN PRINCE! WHAT DO I DO?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S SEEING ME SO CLOSE UP. NO.. NO WAY HE WOULD RECOGNIZE ME, WOULD HE?
I ASKED YOU TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF, LITTLE BOY.

GULP
A LITTLE BOY? I'M TRYING SO HARD, BUT I'M STILL JUST A LITTLE BOY?!
I AM PRINCE NICOLE OF THE ERIN KINGDOM. AND I AM HERE ON PRINCESS REINY'S INVITATION.
.....
SO THAT MAKES YOU JED'S BROTHER-IN-LAW.
I HAD HEARD THAT HIS GUESTS ARRIVED TODAY.
IS THAT WHY YOU CONFUSED ME FOR JED?
WOW!~ THEY LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE!

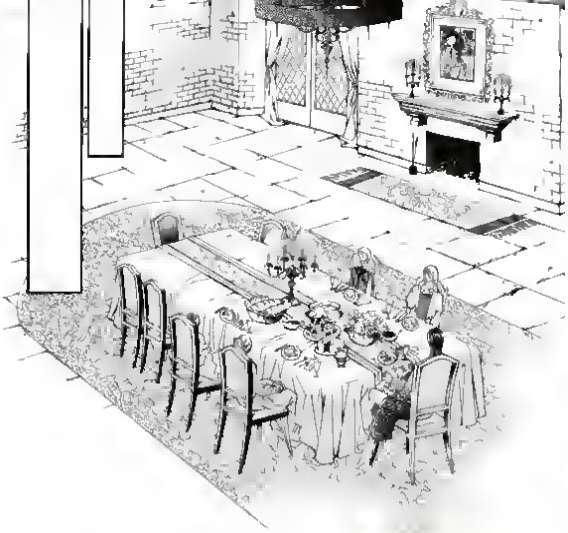
I GUESS YOU KNOW WHO I AM SINCE YOU ARE NOT ASKING ME.
YIKES!
WELL, IT'S WRITTEN RIGHT HERE.
B.R.O.T.H.E.R.
.....
PIK
.....
IT IS TOO LATE FOR AN EVENING WALK.
AND THERE IS NOTHING BUT AN HERB GARDEN IF YOU KEEP GOING THIS WAY. SO, WILL YOU CONTINUE YOUR WALK?
REALLY?
ZEOWY! IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE IF WE HAD ALL RUN INTO EACH OTHER.
NO, I'LL GO BACK NOW.
THEN, FOLLOW ME. I WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR ROOM.

...SORRY?
SUCH KINDNESS DOESN'T SUIT YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.
FOLLOW
FOLLOW
SURELY
HE MUST HAVE BEEN ON HIS WAY TO SEE THE APOTHECARY?
IT'S JUST PART OF THE AGREEMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR PROTECTION. HE GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT--
WHAT A STRANGE RELATIONSHIP
FOR THEM AS WELL AS FOR US. BUT WOULD ONE OF THEM BE
...HURTING?

LIKE ME...?
NICOLE!
JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING, WANDERING AROUND LIKE THAT?
?
JED.
YOU ARE BEING TOO HARSH ON YOUR GUEST. YOU MIGHT MAKE YOUR ADORABLE BROTHER-IN-LAW CRY.

BROTHER...
I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LITTLE PRINCE.
THEN.
JED, GIVING YOU A GOODNIGHT KISS WOULD BE A BIT TOO MUCH, NO?
COLD LIPS.
BUT HE HAS THE SAME SCENT AS THE APOTHECARY
WHAT A SCARY FACE. IS HE REALLY ANGRY WITH ME?

GRAP
HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME NOW, RIGHT?!
BUT
SEE? HE DOESN'T EVEN STOP ME!
TA
TA
PISH-I
DAMN!
BEEP!
TAP



DOES THE FOOD SUIT YOU?
YES... IT'S FINE.

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DAMN, THIS ISN'T IT!
GUL
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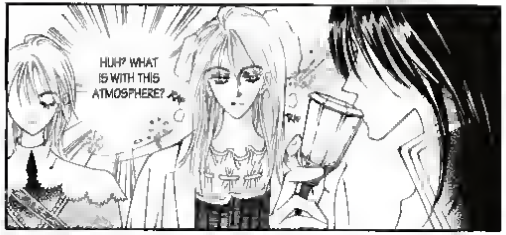

HUH? WHAT IS WITH THIS ATMOSPHERE?

PRINCESS REINY.

WHEN SHOULD WE DEPART? I DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN HERE ANY LONGER.

.....
KOFF
AND THE PREPARATIONS ARE NOT YET COMPLETE, SO I'M AFRAID...
SHAAK
WELL, UH~ BUT I SUDDENLY DON'T FEEL WELL, AND I GET DIZZY FREQUENTLY...
KOFF
KOFF
THAT'S ENOUGH, REINY.

?
EVERYONE MUST KNOW ABOUT IT ANYWAY, AND WE NEED EVERYONE'S COOPERATION
SO LET'S NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME AND GET ON WITH THE PLAN.

TONK
MY SIS...SISTER IS CARRYING A BABY?
JE...JED'S BABY?

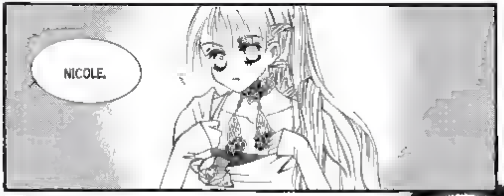
NICOLE, CALM DOWN. YOU KNOW THAT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED..
CONSIDERING THE MANY PROBLEMS THAT ARE SURE TO DEVELOP, THE CHILD'S SAFE DELIVERY, AND THE PROTECTION OF THE PRINCESS,
WE SHOULD HURRY AND MAKE THE SWITCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE WE MISS OUR CHANCE.

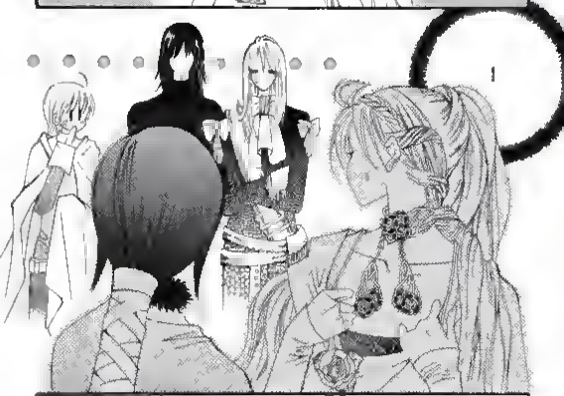
THE SWITCH BETWEEN PRINCE NICOLE AND PRINCESS ELENA
THIS IS JUST A TEMPORARY PLAN AND WE NEED TO COME UP WITH A BETTER PLAN SOON.
FOR INSTANCE--.
?
.....

OH, WE WILL THINK ABOUT THAT NEXT TIME. PRINCE CLEWHIN, PLEASE GATHER EVERYONE'S SUGGESTIONS AND TAKE CARE OF THE SITUATION AS YOU SEE FIT.
.....
THAT'S BECAUSE I ALREADY KNEW HALF THE STORY
DON'T YOU REGRET YOUR FOOLISH ACTIONS?
I'LL DO IT, SIS.
OK, NOW,
SOMEONE MUST EXPLAIN THE BEFORE AND AFTER CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS FRAUD MARRIAGE TO ME, YES?
.....
YOU DON'T SEEM TOO SURPRISED.

NICOLE~, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN FIX SO EASILY.
.....
IT'S OK. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME.
I MAY EVEN BE BETTER THAN YOU!
IT'S ALSO FOR MY NEPHEW OR NIECE.
AND I WANT TO REPAY YOU FOR THE WAYS I'VE WRONGED YOU WITHOUT YOU EVER KNOWING.
BUT
FLOP
OH, MY ELDEST BROTHER, WHO BROUGHT ME HERE KNOWING ALL ABOUT THIS...
NICOLE, THAT IS...
IS UNFORGI-VABLE~!
SWEET TALKING AND ALL WITH THAT SILLY SMOOCHER.
ZAP
.....
IS IT GOING WELL?
I AM ALMOST READY TO LEAVE.
WELL, WE ARE ALMOST READY TOO.
IS IT TOO TIGHT?
NOT REALLY
NICOLE.

WHAT DID YOU PUT IN THERE?
I FILLED A LEATHER BAG WITH WATER. WANNA LOOK AT IT?


NICOLE.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SHIT

I'LL GO WAIT OUTSIDE HERE.
EEP. ME TOO..
PRINCE JED.
MEM... ME TOO
SHHH
MAY I... KISS YOU? I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO GIVE YOU.
SLEEK
THANK YOU.

HOW REGRETTABLE. WE REALLY COULD HAVE BEEN AN ALRIGHT COUPLE, MY DEAR WIFE~.
LIAR
PRINCE, THE GUESTS ARE READY TO DEPART.

UM... DOESN'T YOUR NECK HURT?
OH~, WHAT WILL WE DO IF YOU GET SICK AGAIN? P.R.I.N.C E.S.S?
DON'T WORRY. I'VE PACKED THE MEDICINE ALREADY
YOU'RE TEASING ME RIGHT NOW, AREN'T YOU?

BROTHER
REINY, I'M ALLOWING YOU TO GO BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, BUT DON'T BE A BAD GUEST.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN A BAD GUEST? THEY WILL BE HONORED~.
.....
SEND A MESSAGE WHENEVER YOU WANT TO RETURN HOME. I WILL CERTAINLY COME TO GET YOU.
YOU WILL COME YOURSELF? OK~~

SHEESH~, SUCH A PECULIAR PAIR OF SIBLINGS.
.....
EL...ELENA.

.....
THAT'S ENOUGH. LET GO~. I CAN'T BREATH.
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND
BECAUSE I'M TOO WEAK TO PROTECT YOU.

THAT'S ALRIGHT.
I GUESS THIS IS MY PART, SO I'LL DO MY BEST, TOO.
YOU GO AND DO YOUR BEST TO PLAY YOUR PART WELL, BROTHER.
AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF SIS.

ARE YOU CRYING?
IF I AM,
ARE YOU GOING TO KINDLY WIPE MY TEARS AWAY, YOUR HIGHNESS?
PR... PRINCESS?

WELL, MAYBE INSTEAD...
?
PERHAPS SOME PASSIONATE COMFORTING IN BED LIKE LAST TIME WOULD BE BETTER, I BELIEVE.

HOW... HOW CAN HE BE SO RUDE, VULGAR, AND BOORISH!
THEN I WILL SEE YOU IN THE EVENING WHEN YOU HAVE CALMED DOWN. I WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK YOU THEN AS WELL.

WHAT?
HUFF
HUFF
HE'S SO EVIL!
I REALLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND HIM.
HE SMILES WHEN I THINK HE IS ANGRY, AND HE ACTS SO COLD WHEN I THINK HE IS SMILING
AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS HURT BY HIS UNPREDICTABLE MOODS.
SIGH
WHAT'S WITH THIS PATTERN OF WORRYING?
IT'S LIKE
A WOMAN'S MIND...!
SIGHING

YEAH, I CAN TELL THAT HE'S DEFINITELY DIFFERENT FROM MY OLDER BROTHERS.

MY HEART BEATS LIKE A DRUM WHENEVER I SEE HIM.
I WAS EVEN JEALOUS OF MY SISTER, RIGHT?
DOONG DOONG DOONG

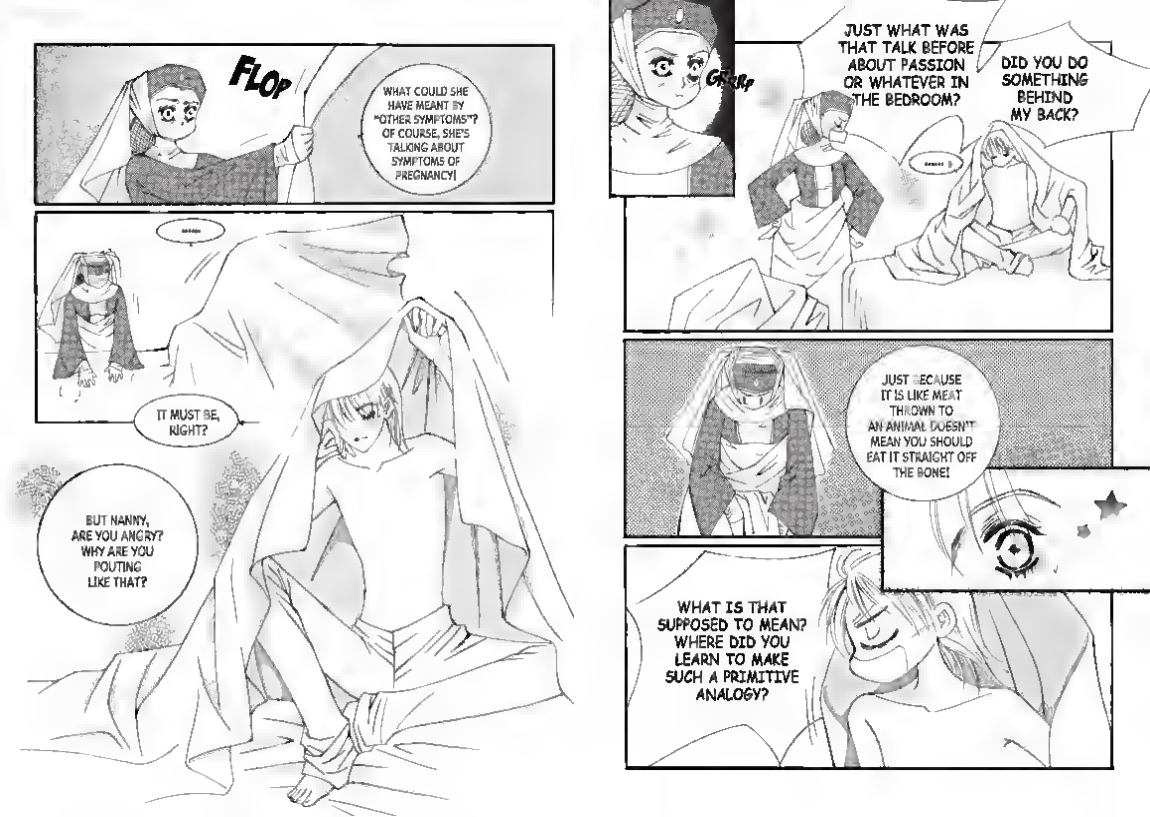
AND ALL MY CRYING UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN BECAUSE OF JED

THEN
WHAT IS THE NATURE OF MY FEELINGS FOR JED?

PRINCESS!
THE CROWN PRINCESS AND THE MOTHER OF THE CROWN PRINCE ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE NOW...
WHAT? WHY?
THE PRINCESS HAS CITED ILLNESS TO CONFINE HERSELF IN HER ROOM FOR A LONG TIME AND NOW THAT HER FAMILY HAS COME, THEY ARE WORRIED THAT SHE MIGHT BE FEELING HOMESICK SO THEY ARE COMING TO OFFER COMFORT AND SUPPORT.
WOOH~ BUT I'M FINE!
AREN'T THEY REALLY COMING TO SPY ON ME?
WHAT DO I DO? PRINCESS REINY ISN'T EVEN HERE TO HELP ME.
AND THAT OLD WOMAN IS SCARY.

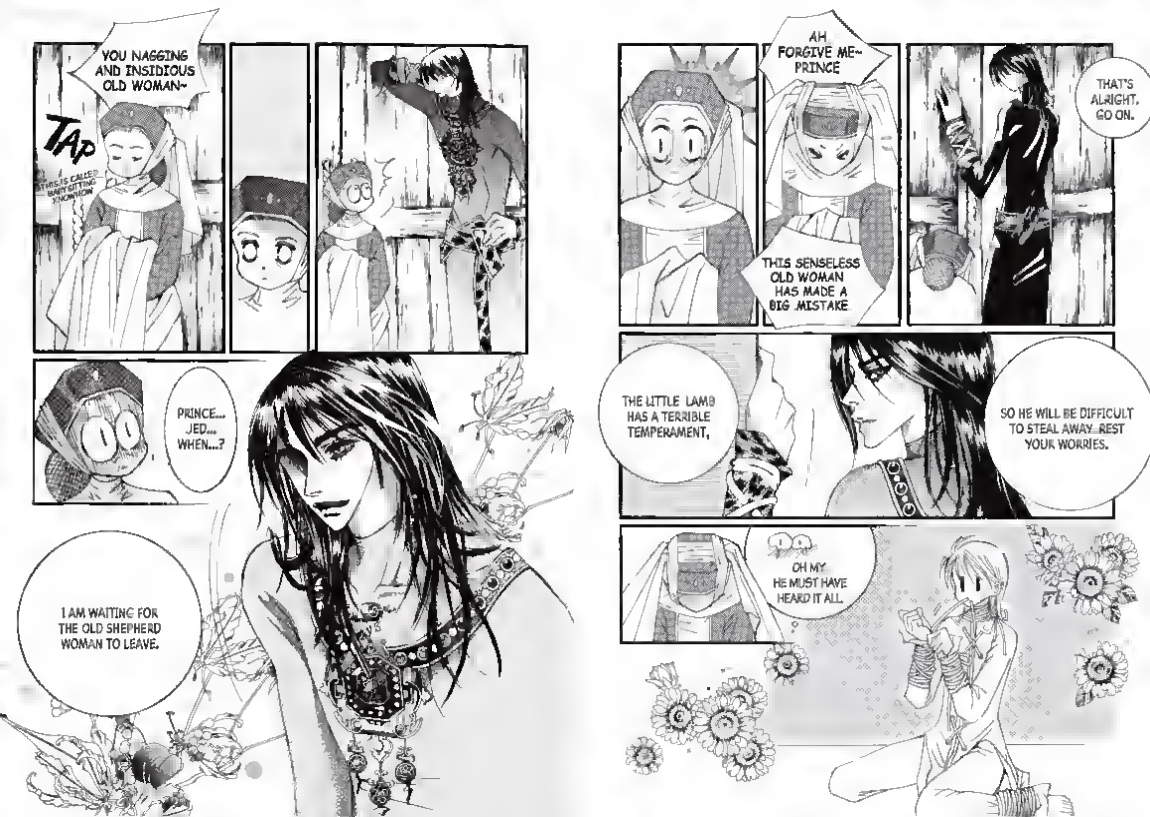
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME, PRINCESS ELENA.
ARE YOU FEELING A BIT BETTER?

AH, YES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.
YOU DO LOOK SOMEWHAT PALE.
AH, YES... (IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SO SCARY YOU OLD FOGY)
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD MEET WITH THE APOTHECARY TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T DEVELOP ANY OTHER SYMPTOMS.
OTHER SYMPTOMS?


FLOP
WHAT COULD SHE HAVE MEANT BY "OTHER SYMPTOMS"? OF COURSE, SHE'S TALKING ABOUT SYMPTOMS OF PREGNANCY!
IT MUST BE, RIGHT?
BUT NANNY, ARE YOU ANGRY? WHY ARE YOU POUTING LIKE THAT?
GRRR
JUST WHAT WAS THAT TALK BEFORE ABOUT PASSION OR WHATEVER IN THE BEDROOM?
DID YOU DO SOMETHING BEHIND MY BACK?
JUST BECAUSE IT IS LIKE MEAT THROWN TO AN ANIMAL DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD EAT IT STRAIGHT OFF THE BONE!
WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO MAKE SUCH A PRIMITIVE ANALOGY?

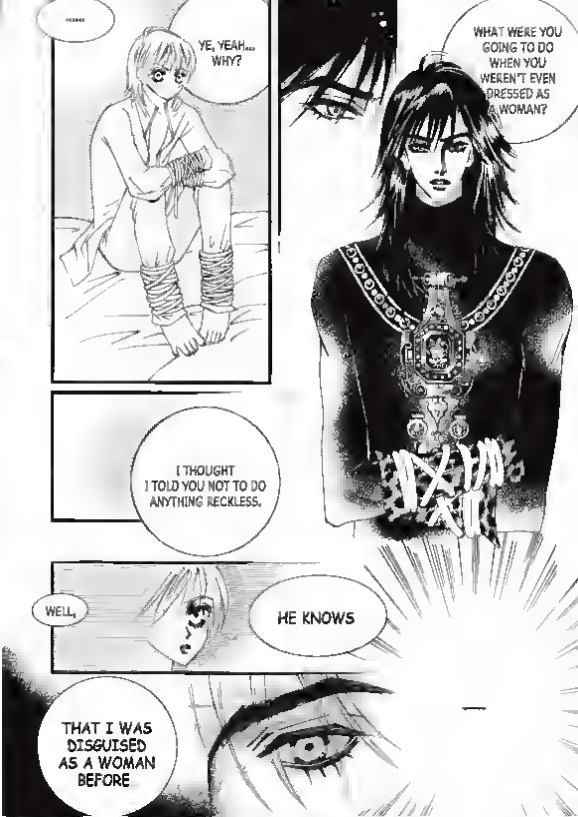
EOW! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
POOH
JUST STAY STILL.
IT GETS COLD AT NIGHT, SO UNTIL THEY INSTALL ADDITIONAL OUTER WINDOW PANES, YOU HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU WEAR BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP.
LET GO!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
.....
JUST...
WHAT KIND OF A CLOTHING IS THIS?
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS TOO MUCH OF A DEFENSE?

I DON'T KNOW-.
ANYWAY, PREVENTION IS THE BEST METHOD WHEN DEALING WITH A WOLF-.
WELL, THANKFULLY, THERE WON'T BE A BABY TO WORRY ABOUT, EVEN IN THE WORST CASE SCENARIO.
MUMBLE
I
WHY THAT OLD GRANNY~! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, NANNY!
GOOD NIGHT.
RIGHT, I GUESS I SHOULD SAY THAT I AM HAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN


YOU NAGGING AND INSIDIOUS OLD WOMAN~
TAP
THIS IS CALLED SHUT-SITTING-SHOMOTION
PRINCE... JED... WHEN...?
I AM WAITING FOR THE OLD SHEPHERD WOMAN TO LEAVE.
AH FORGIVE ME~ PRINCE
THIS SENSELESS OLD WOMAN HAS MADE A BIG MISTAKE
THAT'S ALRIGHT. GO ON.
THE LITTLE LAMB HAS A TERRIBLE TEMPERAMENT,
SO HE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO STEAL AWAY. REST YOUR WORRIES.
OH MY HE MUST HAVE HEARD IT ALL.

TAP
.....
STUMP STUMP
BDOOm BDOOm BDOOm
?
WHAT? WHY ISN'T HE SAYING ANYTHING?
FUMBLE
FUMBLE
?
.....

THERE. I THINK WE ARE DONE WITH YOUR BUSINESS.
SO LET'S START WITH MINE.
SEE~ OLD WOMAN, WHAT WAS SO "PREVENTIVE" ABOUT THAT?
HOW DID YOU RUN INTO MY BROTHER THAT NIGHT? WERE YOU PERHAPS ON YOUR WAY TO SEE THE APOTHECARY?

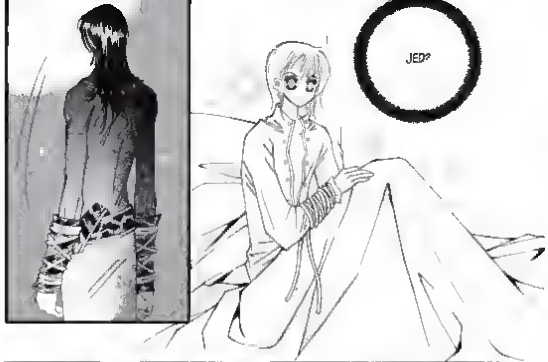

YE, YEAH... WHY?
WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU WEREN'T EVEN DRESSED AS A WOMAN?
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING RECKLESS.
WELL,
HE KNOWS
THAT I WAS DISGUISED AS A WOMAN BEFORE

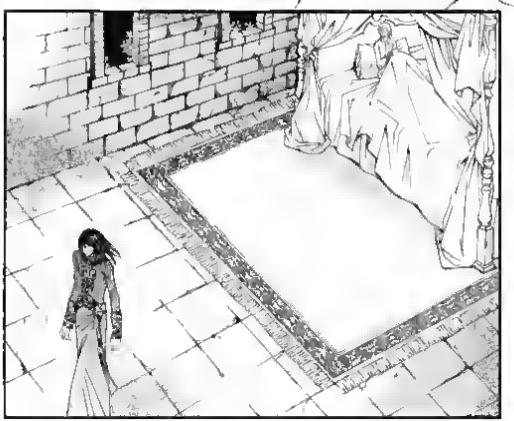
SINCE WHEN?
HE MADE ME SOME MEDICINE FOR YOU LAST TIME YOU WERE SICK, AND HE ALREADY KNEW BACK THEN.
SQUEAK
?
WHAT'S GOING ON? IF HE KNOWS, THEN MY BROTHER'S PEOPLE WOULD DEFINITELY KNOW TOO... THEN THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD LEAVE IT ALONE.
BUT HE ONLY SEEMED TO ACT FIERCELY ENOUGH TO PROVOKE ME BACK THEN. HE DIDN'T SEEM TO KNOW ANYTHING.
THEN
WHY IS HE KEEPING SILENT?

WHY?
JEO, THEIR TRIBE WILL HELP YOU ANY TIME
DID SHE SAY THEY'RE ON MY SIDE?
JEO, BY ANY CHANCE...
DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER SISTER BESIDES PRINCESS REINY? DID YOU LEAVE HER WITH THAT TRIBE BECAUSE SHE WAS ILL?
THUMP
NICOLE, DID YOU MEET SOMEONE IN THE HEART TRIBE'S FOREST? SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE REINY?
?
PANG PANG

AH!
I DID SEE SOMEONE, I WAS WITH THE APOTHECARY, BUT SHE LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE PRINCESS REINY THAT IT SHOCKED ME.
BUT SHE SEEMED TO BE THE APOTHECARY'S OLDER SISTER. SHE SAID SHE CAME TO FIND HIM BECAUSE THEIR MOTHER WAS LOOKING FOR HIM.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
BUT FATHER WAS EXTREMELY COLD TO US, AND MOTHER WAS ALSO INDIFFERENT TO FATHER.
IF THAT WAS THE REASON--

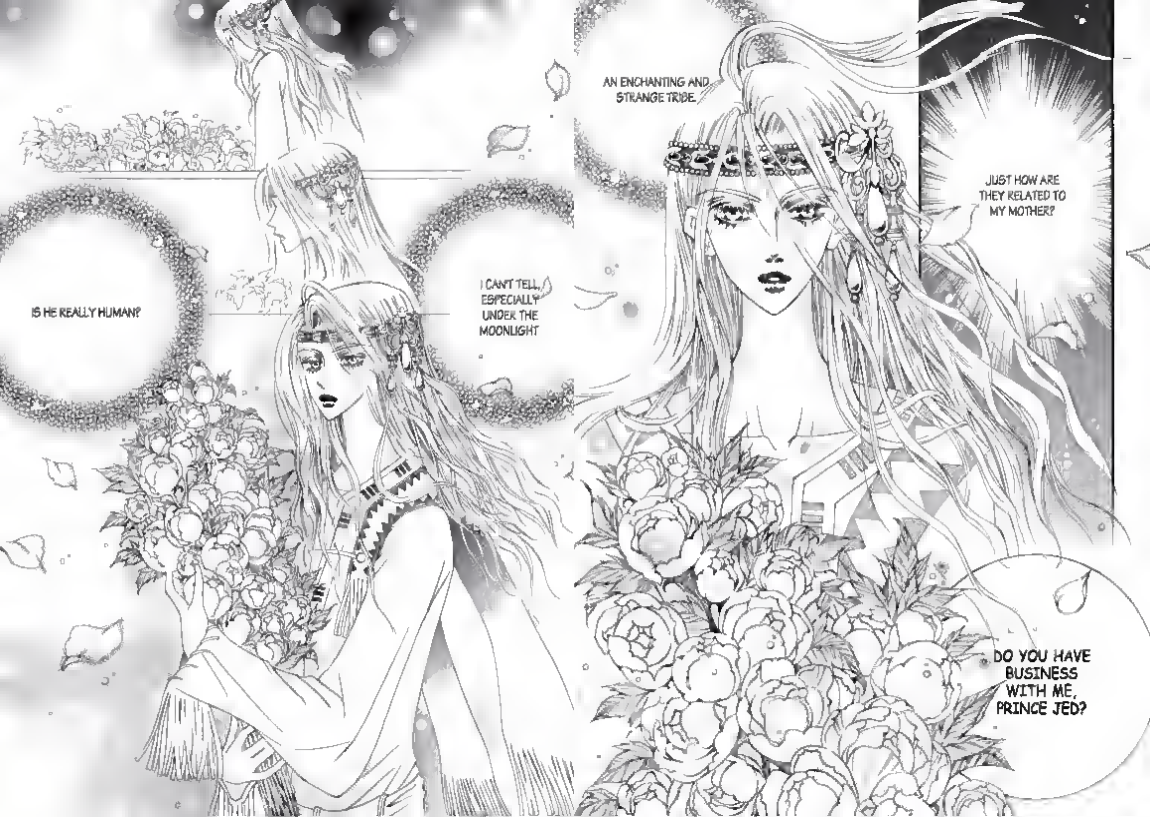

JED?



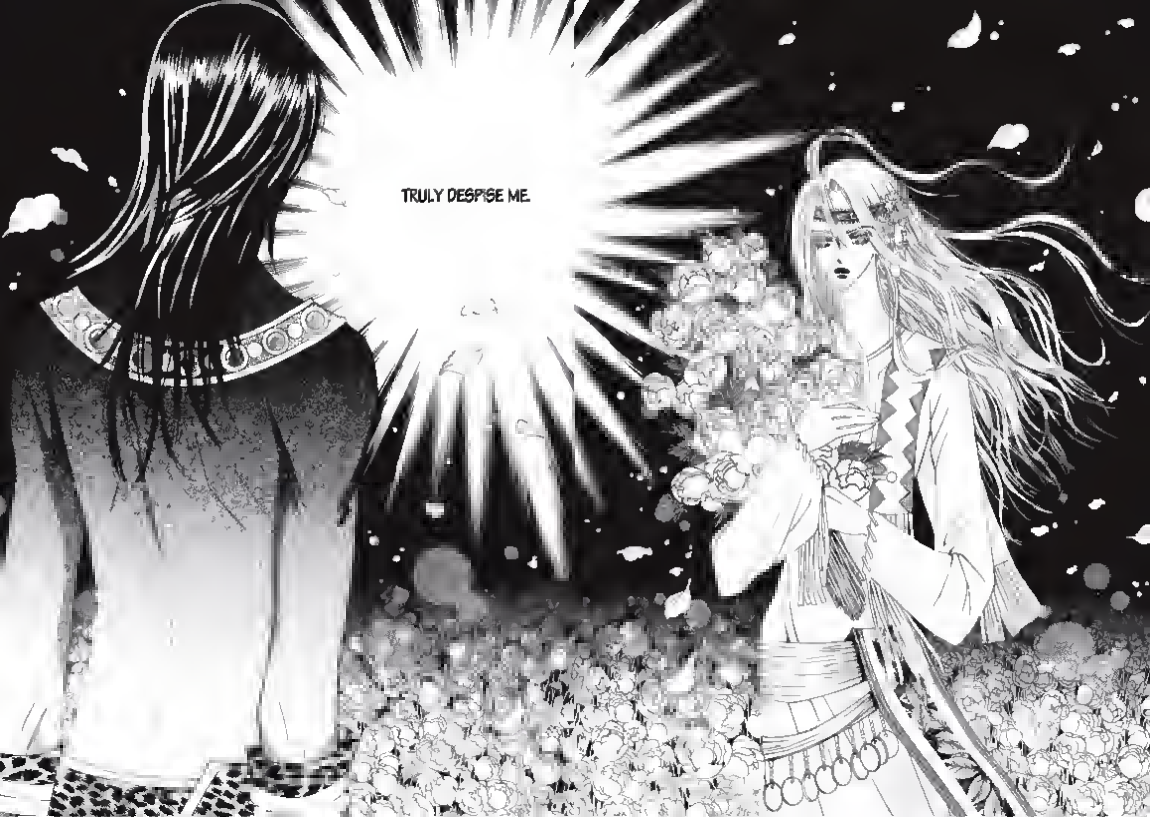
OH

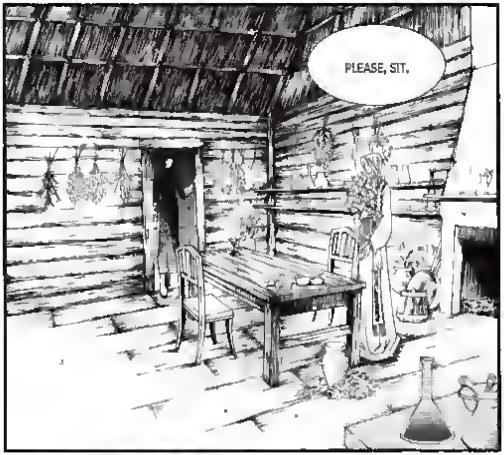
SIGH
IT'S MY FIRST DAY BACK, AND HE DOESN'T EVEN PAY ANY ATTENTION...

...ALL THAT COMMOTION WITH NANNY WAS SO EMBARRASSING AND WAS FOR NOTHING.
PISH_
JED, YOU FOOL.
I SAID I WOULD BE FINE, I'M ACTUALLY SCARED NOW...
SHAAA
JED, CALM DOWN! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH BY GOING TO SEE HIM NOW?
HE MIGHT EVEN BE WITH THE CROWN PRINCE RIGHT NOW


IS HE REALLY HUMAN?
I CAN'T TELL, ESPECIALLY UNDER THE MOONLIGHT
AN ENCHANTING AND STRANGE TRIBE.
JUST HOW ARE THEY RELATED TO MY MOTHER?
DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH ME, PRINCE JED?

OH, I ALMOST FORGOT...
THAT THOSE EYES.


TRULY DESPISE ME.


PLEASE, SIT.

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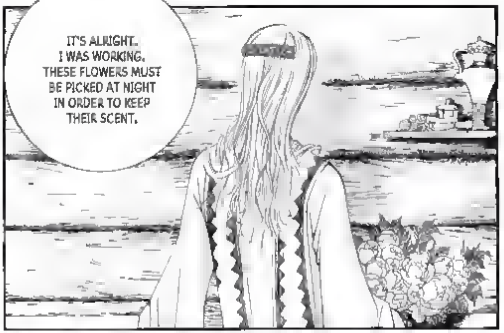
I AM SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU SO LATE AT NIGHT.
SQUEAK


IT'S ALRIGHT. I WAS WORKING. THESE FLOWERS MUST BE PICKED AT NIGHT IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR SCENT.

I SEE. I WASN'T AWARE OF IT AT FIRST BUT THE ROOM IS FILLED WITH THEIR FRAGRANCE.
SHALL I GET YOU SOME TEA?

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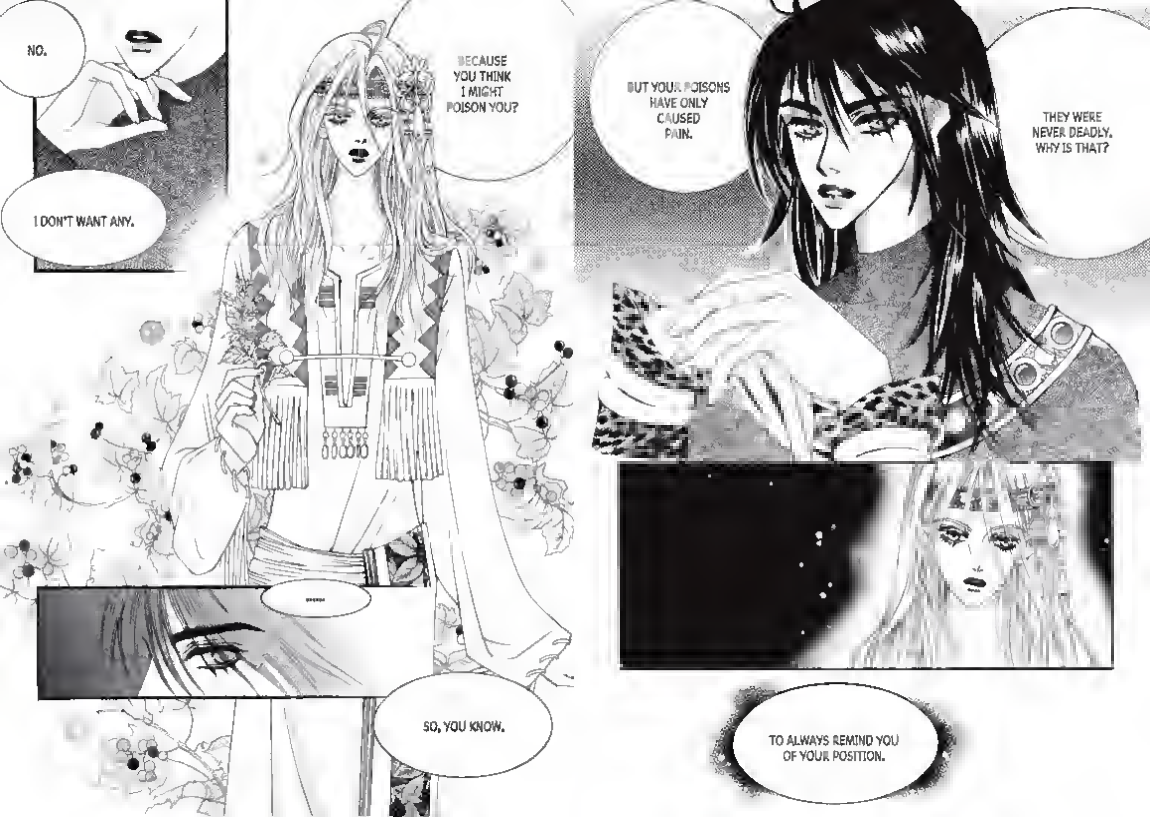
NO.
I DON'T WANT ANY.
BECAUSE YOU THINK I MIGHT POISON YOU?
BUT YOUR POISONS HAVE ONLY CAUSED PAIN.
THEY WERE NEVER DEADLY. WHY IS THAT?
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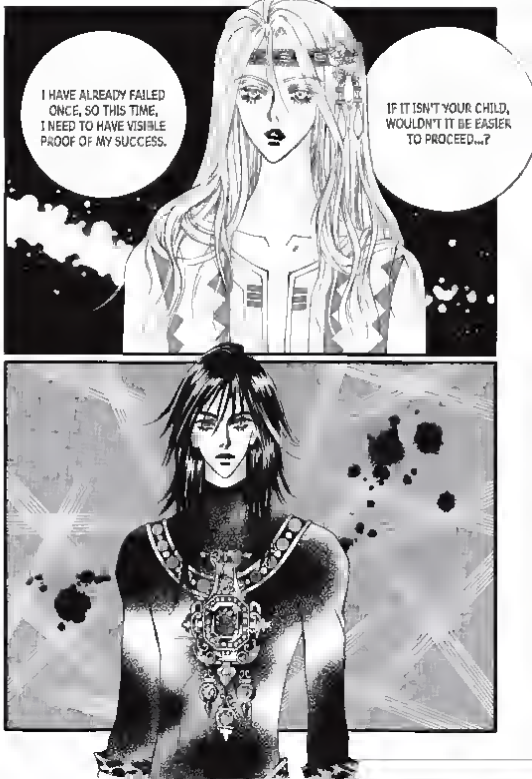
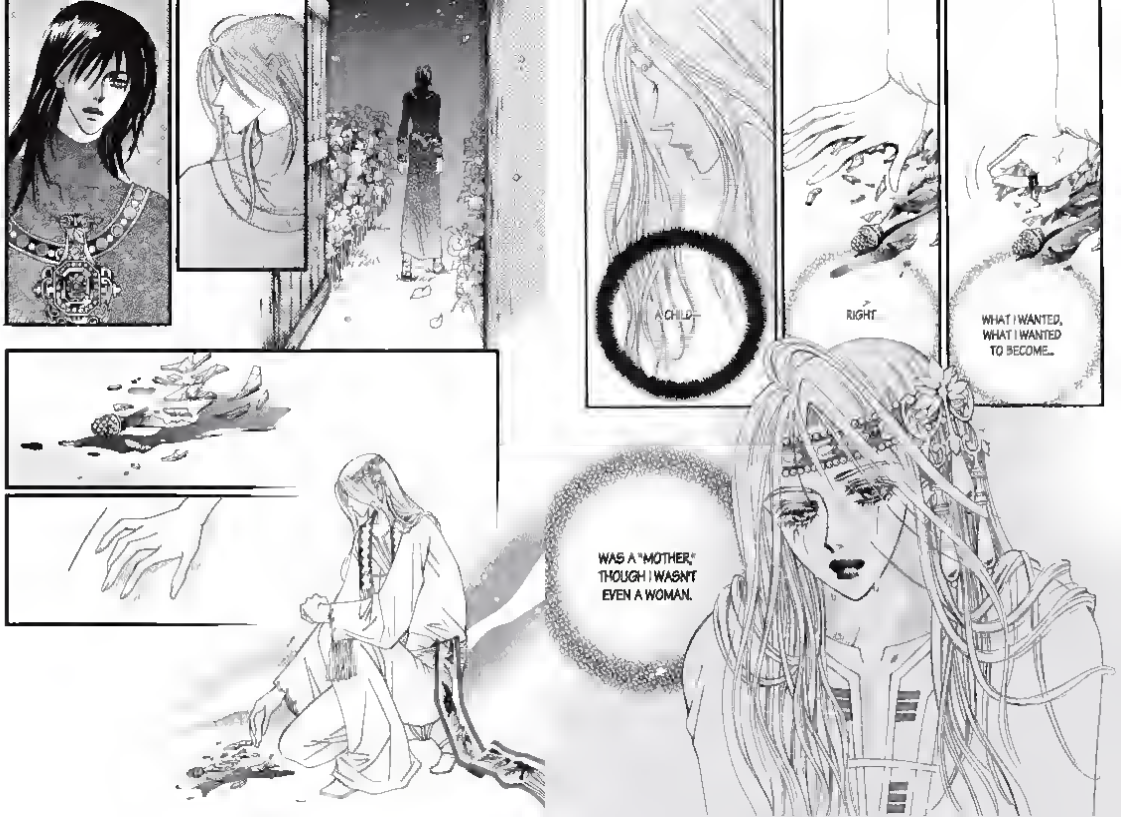
SO, YOU KNOW.
TO ALWAYS REMIND YOU OF YOUR POSITION.

YOU ARE WRONG
I STILL WON'T FIGHT MY BROTHER
YOU NEVER KNOW, IF MY METHODS OF PERSUASION CHANGE...
FOR INSTANCE.
THIS POTION
MAY FORCE PRINCESS ELENA TO LOSE HER BABY.
WILL YOU HAVE THE PRINCESS DRINK IT?
NICOLE!

IS IT YOUR CHILD?
IT'S NOT A SIMPLE HATRED YOU HARBOR. WHY ARE THOSE EYES FILLED WITH SUCH A CONFUSION OF EMOTIONS?
WHY DO YOU ASK THAT?
IS THAT HATRED REALLY DIRECTED TO ME?


I HAVE ALREADY FAILED ONCE, SO THIS TIME, I NEED TO HAVE VISIBLE PROOF OF MY SUCCESS.
IF IT ISN'T YOUR CHILD, WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO PROCEED...?

WHO DO YOU WANT TO DESTROY?
ME OR MY CHILD?
CRASH
PLEASE.. LEAVE NOW.
I AM SORRY THAT YOU DIDN'T GET TO ASK WHAT YOU VISITED ME FOR, BUT PERHAPS NEXT TIME...


A CHILD...
RIGHT...
WHAT I WANTED, WHAT I WANTED TO BECOME...
WAS A "MOTHER," THOUGH I WASN'T EVEN A WOMAN.

THAT IS WHY
MY MOTHER
I DIDN'T WANT TO BECOME LIKE YOU,
I WAS ALSO CONFIDENT THAT I COULD HAVE A CHILD WHO WASN'T EXPRESSIONLESS AND WHO WOULDN'T HIDE BEHIND SHADOWS, LIKE ME.
MOTHER, IS MAMA HURTING A LOT?
NO. SHE WILL BE ALRIGHT SOON.
IT'S ALRIGHT, REINY.

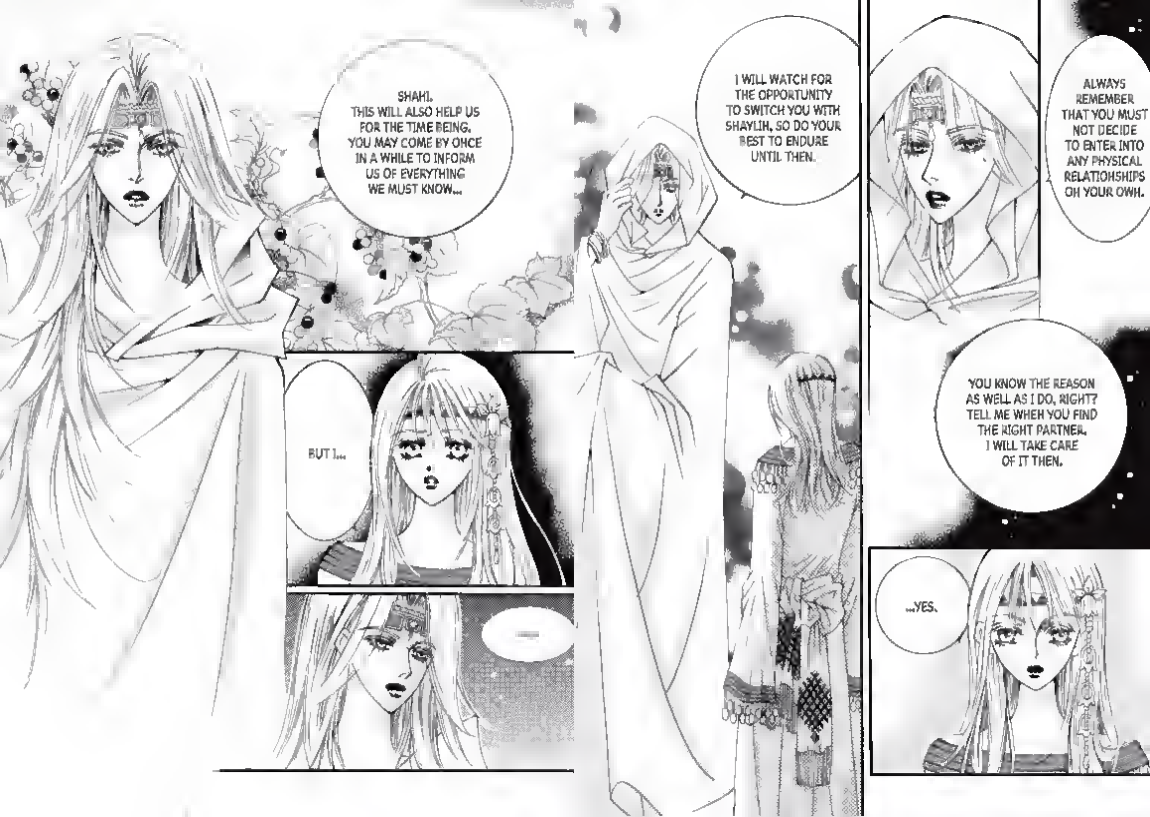
THEY WEREN'T THE ONES WHO DESERVED THOSE LOOKS FROM US.
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME! I WAS YOUR CHILD!
THEY SAID YOU WERE A BOY, BUT AREN'T YOU A GIRL?
SHALL WE HAVE A LOOK?
TAP
TAP
ARE YOU THE SON OF THE HEROT TRIBE LEADER?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

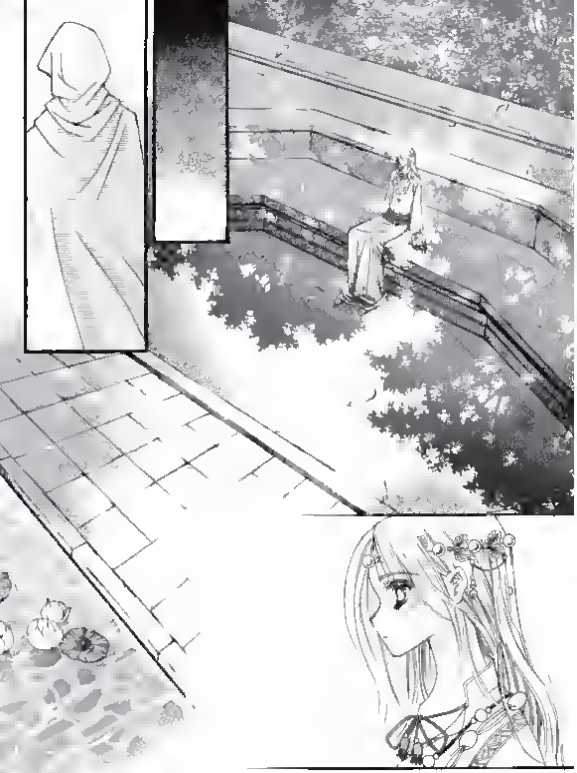
TOTK
GOODNESS~ CALM DOWN. IT WAS JUST A JOKE.
STILL, THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO TREAT ME LIKE A SCOUNDREL. HEY, AREN'T YOU A LITTLE SHORT ON YOUR FACTS?
SLEEK

SLIDE
WE EXACERBATED THE QUEEN'S ILLNESS AND POISONED HER TO DEATH AS WE PLANNED. BUT HOW CAN WE TRUST THAT YOU WON'T BETRAY US NOW?
AND HOW WILL WE HANDLE THE SITUATION IF YOU SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A TRACE, LEAVING NOTHING BUT RUMORS?

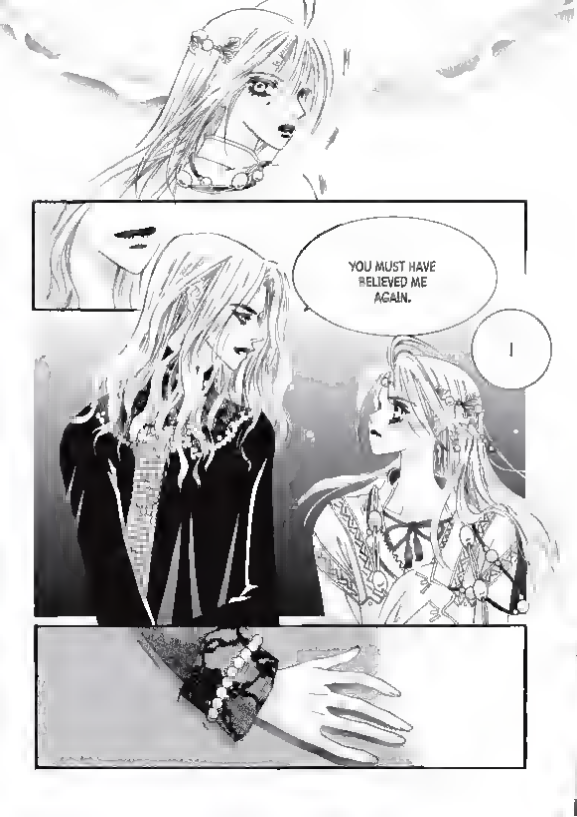
SUCH A THING WILL NOT HAPPEN. OUR TRIBE URGENTLY NEEDS A PLACE TO SETTLE FOR A LONG TIME
THEN
WHY DON'T WE DO THIS?
DEREK?
NO! MOTHER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK AFTER ME. YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO LOVE ME. BUT PLEASE LET ME STAY WITH YOU. DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!
MOTHER, PLEASE LOOK AT ME AND—
TO SYMBOLIZE YOUR SILENCE AND OUR MUTUAL AGREEMENT,
WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE YOUR SON HERE?

AGREED
LOOK AT ME AND...


SHAH1.
THIS WILL ALSO HELP US FOR THE TIME BEING. YOU MAY COME BY ONCE IN A WHILE TO INFORM US OF EVERYTHING WE MUST KNOW...
BUT I...
I WILL WATCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SWITCH YOU WITH SHAYLIH, SO DO YOUR BEST TO ENDURE UNTIL THEN.
ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST NOT DECIDE TO ENTER INTO ANY PHYSICAL RELATIONSHIPS ON YOUR OWN.
YOU KNOW THE REASON AS WELL AS I DO, RIGHT? TELL ME WHEN YOU FIND THE RIGHT PARTNER. I WILL TAKE CARE OF IT THEN.
...YES.



THIS PLACE MUST SUIT YOU.
IF YOU RUN AWAY AGAIN, I WILL BREAK YOUR WRISTS.

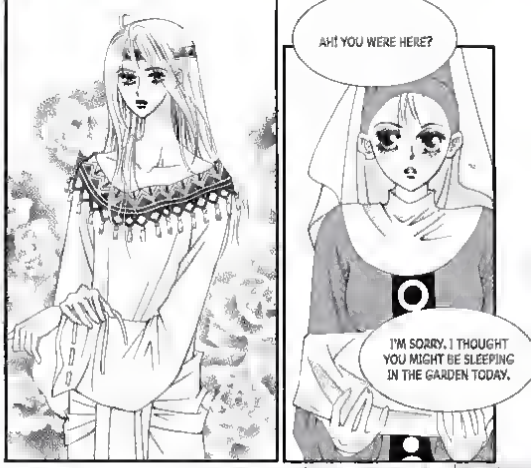

YOU MUST HAVE BELIEVED ME AGAIN.
I

SWING
WELL, IT WASN'T REALLY A JOKE.

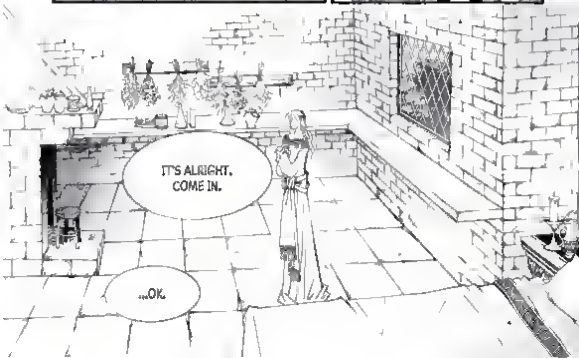
HE ALWAYS LOOKS LIKE HE WILL CRY, BUT HE NEVER SHEDS A TEAR IN THE END.
WHAT A STRANGE KID.
TOP

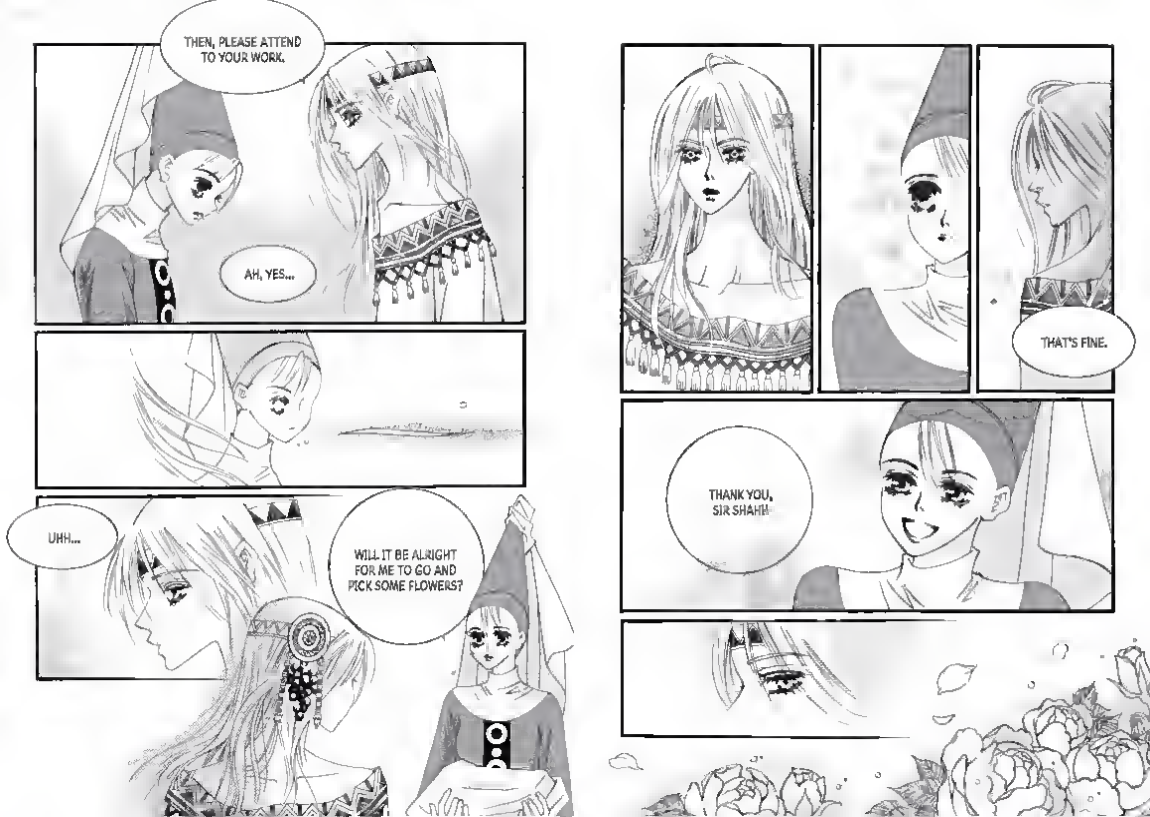
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THAT PERSON SCARES ME.

SHHHAAA
WILL THINGS BE ALRIGHT IF I JUST AVOID HIM?
IF HE DOESN'T SEE ME...


AH! YOU WERE HERE?
I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE SLEEPING IN THE GARDEN TODAY.

CREAK


IT'S ALRIGHT. COME IN.
...OK.


THEN, PLEASE ATTEND TO YOUR WORK.
AH, YES...
UHH...
WILL IT BE ALRIGHT FOR ME TO GO AND PICK SOME FLOWERS?
THAT'S FINE.
THANK YOU, SIR SHAHI!

WOW~ IT'S INCREDIBLE. THEY ARE SO BEAUTIFUL.
I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH LOVELY AND FRESH FLOWERS BEFORE.
BLAH
BLAH
AHHH!

I... I...
I WAS BEING CLUMSY AND GOT PRICKED BY A THORN.

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AH, I'VE OFFENDED YOU .. DOES IT HURT VERY MUCH?
BOONG
BOONG
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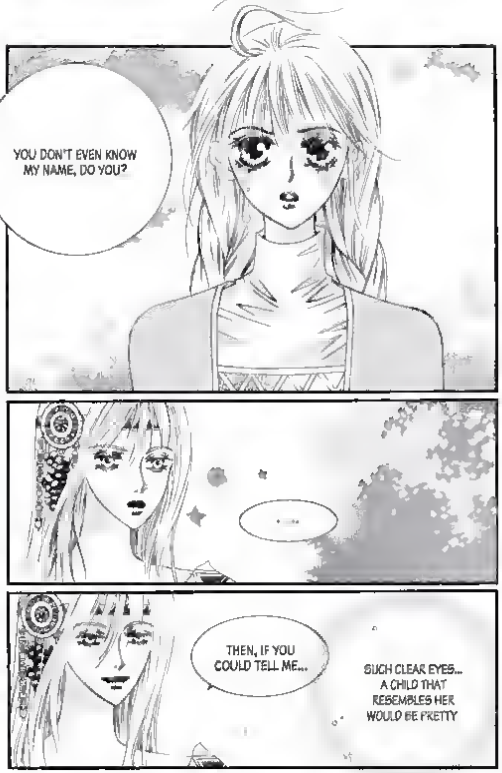
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW MY NAME, DO YOU?
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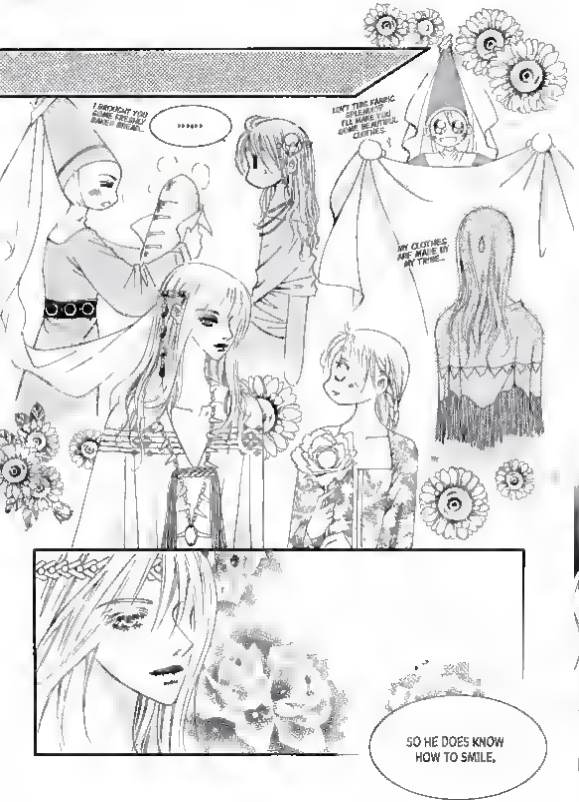
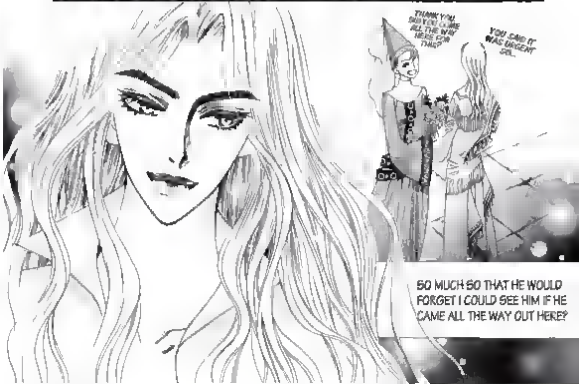
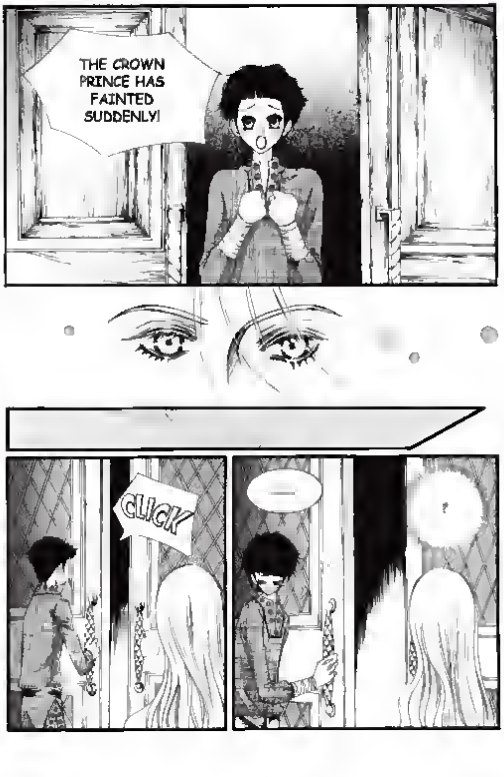
THEN, IF YOU COULD TELL ME...
SUCH CLEAR EYES... A CHILD THAT RESEMBLES HER WOULD BE PRETTY


I BROUGHT YOU SOME FRESHLY BAKED BREAD.
.....
DON'T TURN FABRIC SPECIALISTS? I'LL MAKE YOU SOME BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES.
MY CLOTHES ARE MADE OF MY TEARS...
SO HE DOES KNOW HOW TO SMILE.

HMM... IS HE IN LOVE?


THANK YOU SISTER, I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE FOR THIS!
YOU SAID IT WAS URGENT SIS.
SO MUCH SO THAT HE WOULD FORGET I COULD SEE HIM IF HE CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?

TELL ME WHEN YOU FIND THE RIGHT PARTNER I WILL TAKE CARE OF IT THEN
RIGHT. I'LL TELL HER THIS TIME AND...
BANG BANG
SIR APOTHECARY!
AT THIS HOUR?


THE CROWN PRINCE HAS FAINTED SUDDENLY!
CLICK
?

I MUST HAVE STARTLED YOU. BUT I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN AVOIDING ME SO WELL.
CLICK